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March 16, 2004

To: Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. 02-6

Billed Entity Name: SAU # 64
Billed Entity Number: 121321

FORM 471: 379113

Funding Request Numbers: 1043109 and 1043257

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I am writing on behalf of SAU # 64, which is officially School Administrative Unit # 64. It is the administrative offices for both Milton School District and Wakefield School District. Both are public school systems in New Hampshire and fully qualify for E-rate funding. As in the past, the administrative office (SAU # 64) which is Billed Entity # 121321, still is a legitimate billed entity qualifying for E-rate funding.

During the processing of last year's FORM 471 application, I was contacted by a reviewer who was processing the FORM 471 #: 379113. That person inquired if the building being served was a part of the network whose primary function was the delivery of education services or a library. I errantly responded and stated that "No" they were not. I made the interpretation that the question was asking if was physically a part of the same computer network (as this was dealing with technology), not the educational network. Had I interpreted the question correctly, I would have replied "Yes", as the building being served is a part of the network whose primary function is the delivery of education services of a library. My response should have been "Yes".

It is my understanding that the SLD works with the billed entities to elicit all needed and correct information and makes a sincere effort to base its decisions on correct information. I made an effort to correct the erroneous information which I submitted to them and that was then used to deny the funding. I provided the SLD with the correct information in my letter of

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appeal, however, they did not seem to either understand or were not willing to accept the correct information and then re-evaluate the funding request.

I clearly made an error in my earlier response; however, I am seeking the opportunity to correct that error so that the billed entity is not denied reimbursement for their telecommunications expenses due to my misinterpretation of the question asked of me.

I hope you know and understand that SAU # 64 is a public school administrative office which legally qualifies for funding and "does serve as a part of the network whose primary function is the delivery of education services or a library". I am hopeful that you will understand why I responded as I did and permit me to correct that error and reverse the decision of the USAC which denied the funding based upon an incorrect response.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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